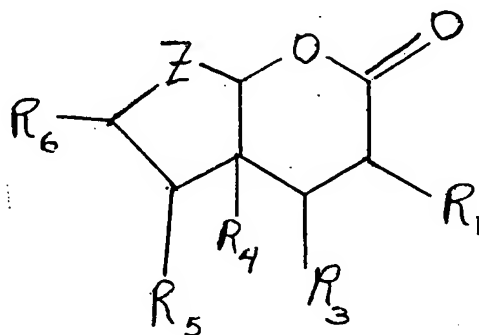
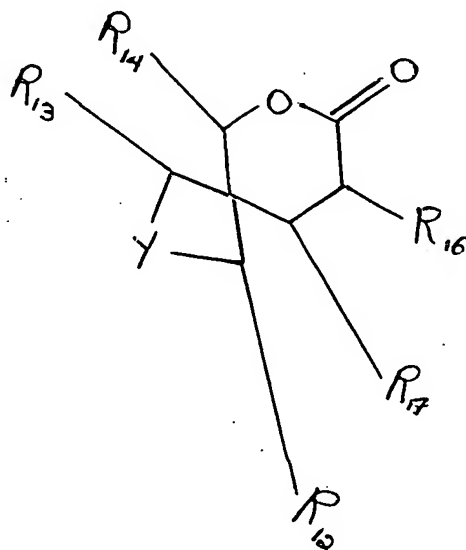


## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Described are bicyclic lactones, both fused ring lactones defined according to the generic structure:

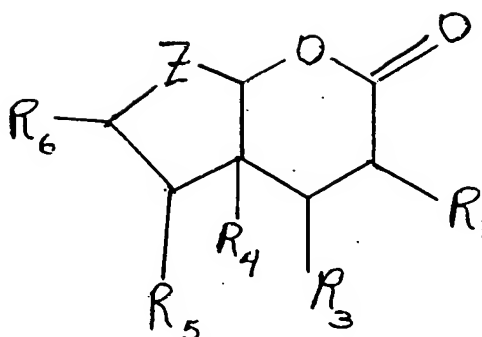


and spiro lactones defined according to the generic structure:

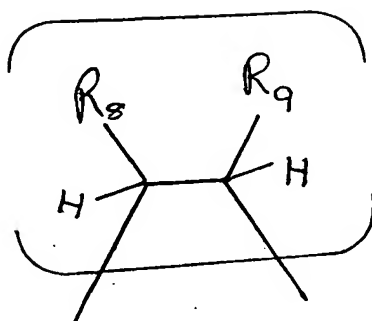


uses thereof in augmenting, enhancing or imparting aromas in or to perfume compositions, perfumed articles, colognes and perfumed polymers; processes for preparing such bicyclic  
25 lactones and intermediates therefor.

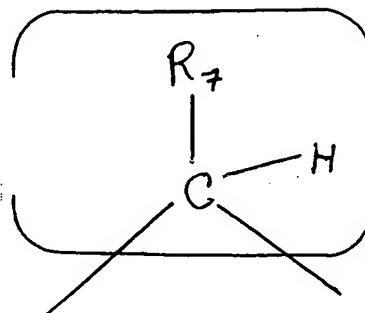
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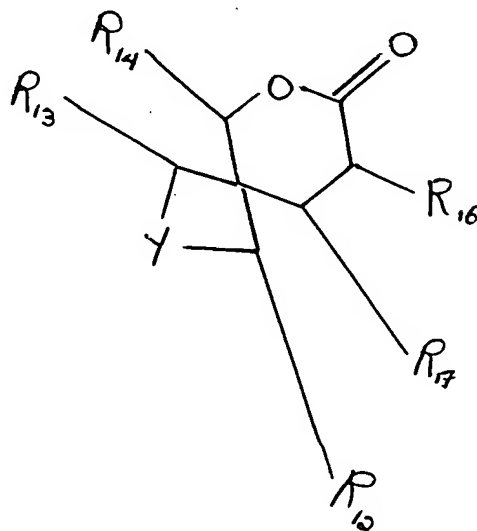
**Z** is one of the moieties:



or



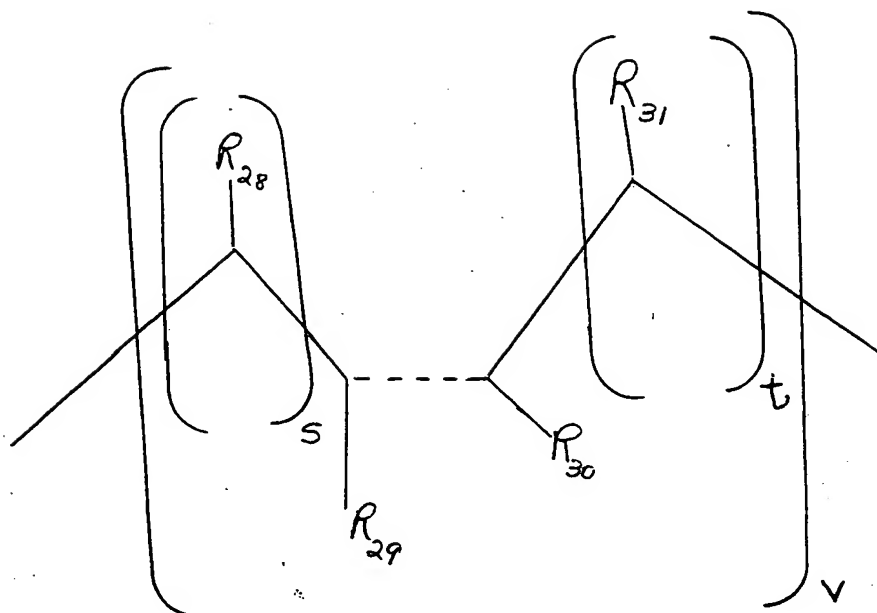
one of **R**<sub>1</sub> or **R**<sub>3</sub> is methyl and the other is hydrogen; and **R**<sub>4</sub>, **R**<sub>5</sub>, **R**<sub>6</sub>, **R**<sub>7</sub>, **R**<sub>8</sub> and **R**<sub>9</sub> are hydrogen or nonadjacent C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl. In the structure:



**Y** represents C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> substituted or unsubstituted alkylidenyl, alkenylidenyl or alkadienylidenyl having the structure:

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and completes a C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>15</sub> cycloalkyl, cycloalkadienyl or cycloalkenyl ring moiety; and wherein  $R_{12}$ ,  $R_{13}$ ,  $R_{14}$ ,  $R_{16}$ ,  $R_{17}$ ,  $R_{28}$ ,  $R_{29}$ ,  $R_{30}$  and  $R_{31}$  represent hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> nonadjacent alkyl; wherein  $s$  is an integer of from 0 up to 10;  $t$  is an integer of from 0 up to 10; and  $v$  is an integer of 1 or 2; with the proviso that the sum of  $s$  and  $t$  is between 0 and 10 according to the inequalities:  $0 \leq s + t \leq 10$ ;  $0 \leq s \leq 10$ ; and  $0 \leq t \leq 10$ .

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